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In response to the action dated July 16, 2002 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The term "nutritional solid substrate" used herein is defined as a substrate which keeps its solid morphology in medium to provide a place where the mycelia can attach to, and to provide a carbon source required for the growth of the fungi. The carbon source can be, for example, carbohydrates. Suitable carbohydrates include, but are not limited to, rice, wheat and other grains. Prior to adding to the medium, the grain may be treated by the process of husking, cooking and sterilizing. Because the structure of the grain (e.g. rice or wheat) is very suitable for mycelia attachment, and grain can provide the major nutrition source for the fungi, the cultivation of the *Monascus* species of the present invention is carried out by using a medium comprising suspended nutritional solid substrate such as rice substrates, so that it can possess both the properties of mycelia attachment and suspended fluidity. --

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